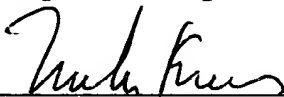


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 29 has been amended to correct the dependency thereof which inadvertently depends from canceled claim 28 and has been amended to depend from claim 26. Since the amendment corrects an informality, it is assumed that the Amendment will be entered.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.25507CX5) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (amended) A method according to claim [28] 26,
wherein the resistance member is the fuel rod holding portion
of the lower tie plate.